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Coosa River Baptist Association

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The following persons were present: Church and the sea
Moderator.

Elected Vice President, Moderator, and
Member of the Executive Committee.

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Bro. J. D. Williams, of the Ala. Baptist Convention, being present was elected to a seat in the Association.

Com. on Business reported, and their report was adopted.

Selected JORDAN WILLIAMS to preach the Introductory sermon—H. D. Acher, of the S. W. Mission, the Missionary sermon, and Wm. H. Wood, of the S. W. Mission, to write the Circular letter and H. H. Toller, of the S. W. Mission, the alternate.

Voted, that the Missionary sermon should not be confined to the advocacy of Southern Mission, but should include the Board of Domestic Missions, Southern Baptist Convention.

Report of Board of Directors of "Baptist High School" read and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Bro. Welch, agent for the School, addressed the Association, and it was agreed that after dinner the regular order of business should be suspended, and the School matter resumed.

Letters to corresponding bodies were read and it was decided that the letter received by brother L. L. Harris and H. H. Toller should be presented to the Minutes and the letter to the S. W. Mission.

Appointed a Committee—The Chairman, McCall, and Randle, of the Central, Welch, Wood and W. H. Wood, of the S. W. Mission, Jenkins, Williams and R. H. Wood, of the S. W. Mission, and H. H. Toller, of the S. W. Mission, to prepare a report on the subject of the S. W. Mission.

...the association was adjourned to the consideration of the business. \$1,000 was subscribed and it was unanimously

Resolved, That we unanimously approve of the project of a Baptist Association, to be held at Talladega, and we recommend to the Board of Directors diligence, perseverance and patriotism in such a noble enterprise.

Resolved, That hereafter the Board of Directors be appointed by the subscribers to the School, but an annual Report shall be made to the Association.

The same Board of Directors was continued.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted. (Appendix C.) and the same Com. re-appointed, substituting bro. Myatt for Morris, who requested to be excused.

The Report of Com. on Religious Instruction of Colored People was read and adopted (Appendix G.) and J. L. M. Curry, Talithorn Posey, Reynolds and Myatt were appointed to report to the next association.

Adjourned to Tuesday. Prayer by bro. Scott.

Tuesday morning. Prayer by bro. McCain.

Appointed a Com. on Temperance to report to the next association: Jenkins, Mathiam, Kade, Hancock and McCain.

The Report of Com. on Documents was read, and after being recommitted, was reported back again with amendments and adopted (Appendix D.)

Treasurer's Report was read and adopted and C. McGee appointed Treasurer.

The Com. on Finance made their Report and it was adopted (Appendix E.)

The Treasurer was ordered to pay over to Mathiam for Association and Conventions the money sent up for that purpose.

Took a recess for half an hour.

Afternoon session.
The Clerk was ordered to superintend the printing

...for his services

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That the cause of the Bible, at home and especially in heathen lands, has claims on the financial contributions of our churches and we therefore heartily recommend it to their benighted consideration.

Bm. J. D. Williams, agent for the Ala. Baptist Bible Society, addressed the association on the importance and christian duty of disseminating the Scriptures.

Resolved, That the Missionary Sermon hereafter be preached at 11 o'clock, A. M. on Monday, and the association will adjourn during its delivery.

Resolved, That the Association disclaim any intention in the resolution of 1851, to restrict the Coosa Valley church to any particular abstract of faith, provided it be "orthodox in principle according to the Scriptures."

Resolved, That the Executive Com. be directed to foster the small churches established in the field of the late missionary labor, by employing ministers to attend them, or, at their discretion, aiding in the payment of such ministers of our, or other, associations, as may be called by such churches.

Resolved, That the churches requiring assistance from the Executive Com. be requested to communicate with Bro. James Headen at Talladega, by the 1st of January, and state whom they have employed as Pastor and what amount they will give him.

Resolved, To secure uniformity in the use of Hymn Books, we recommend to all churches, in our bounds, to adopt the "Baptist Psalmody" prepared by E. Manly and E. Manly jr.

Resolved, That we recommend the cultivation of One another's kindness, forbearance and charity. That we cover one another and each others families, and for the prosperity of Zion, and we request the Ministers to visit the different churches more frequently.

Resolved, That our thanks be cordially rendered to the brethren who were at Tallahassee, and to the

generally, for their kindness and hospitality. The Moderator made some fitting and appropriate remarks, prayer was offered by Brother Tallafarro, and the association adjourned to meet with Spring Creek church, near Harpersville, in Shelby County, on Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1853.

JESSE A. COLLINS, *Moderator.*

J. L. M. CURRY, *Clerk.*

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The Coosa River Association sendeth christian salutation:

Dear Brethren: We are in the midst of our Nineteenth Annual Session, and have reason to thank the Father of all mercies for watching over us from infancy to the present time. We commenced a feeble band, with churches, members and ministers. Now, through the goodness of God, we have Thirty-four churches, Seventeen ordained ministers, Eight licentiates and over Twenty-four hundred members.

Yet we mourn our ingratitude and inefficiency. Our sphere of usefulness has been confined to too narrow bounds,—our benevolent operations have been too limited, but we trust for better times. For several years we have had a Domestic Mission. Last year the fund was appropriated in aid of feeble and destitute churches. At our last session we recommended the establishment of a Baptist Male High School. About \$10,000 have been subscribed and diligent efforts are making to increase it to \$25,000. Other denominations are taking steps to prevent the loss of the influence of religion to the cause of education, and should we not co-operate in all plans more effectually to bring up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Our session has been harmonious and profitable.—We welcomed cordially your messengers and, as evidence of our desire to continue the interchange of christian sympathy and regard, have delegated others to meet you, in return.

May the Spirit of grace and direct you!

JESSE A. COLLINS, *Moderator.*

J. L. M. CURRY, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX

To the Church of the Association.

By the Resolution adopted at your last Session, recommending the establishment of a Baptist Male High School, to be located at Tallahassee, it was made the duty of the Board of Directors to report their proceedings to your body.

Shortly after the last Association, the Board met, organized, adopted a constitution, and had themselves incorporated.

Rev. O. Welch was appointed General Agent to visit the different churches and obtain subscriptions, and we suggest that he make a statement of his agency, his success, and the encouragement held out to him.

About Ten Thousand Dollars have been subscribed, and a Public Meeting of the citizens of Tallahassee subscribed the Male Academy and Apparatus, which, when received, will enlarge the subscription to near Twelve Thousand Dollars.

The Board thought it prudent not to adopt any decisive measures until \$25,000 were subscribed, and the high importance of the project and the ability of the denomination justified them in expecting that sum to be obtained.

Religious education is exciting more and more the attention of the christian public. All denominations are endowing Schools to be kept under their supervision and control, and that education is now regarded as defective, which keeps not constantly in view the immortality of the soul. The "fashioning of first impressions" should not be exclusively under evil and pernicious influences. Christian principles should aid in unfolding and developing character. Youth should never know the time when "good things were strangers to their thoughts." Next to preaching and the free circulation of the Bible, religious education is the most important agency for fulfilling the Great Commission. The old proverb that Ignorance is the mother of devotion, is no longer recognized as true. Schools and Colleges, under religious direction, are identified with the hopes of the church and the prospects of religion. Proper instruction is the foundation of virtue and the "knowledge of God is the most excellent of the sciences." Learning increases the capacity of the mind for spiritual enjoyments, enlarges the boundaries of religious

and develop new features in the system of Dis-
ciple Army.

We will not allow our noble views to leave these and the
future of this noble cause—so unworthy of christian
prayer and effort—without the power of all energies, and the in-
telligent judgment of all christianity.

W. H. HEADEN, President.

[APPENDIX B]

The Executive Committee Report:—That in order to per-
secute the plan suggested by the last Association, they have
written to six churches and with them made the following ar-
rangements, viz.—to give to Union church, supplied by brother
M. GARRETT, \$25.00; Salt Creek, supplied by brother
JORDAN WILLIAMS, \$15.00; Refuge, in St. Clair, supplied by
brother GEO. WILKEY, \$15.00; Spirit Creek, by brother G.
JOHNSON, \$15.00; Mt. Pleasant, by brother WM. MCCAIN,
\$15.00; New Hope, in St. Clair, by brother WILKEY, \$15.00;
making in all \$100.00.

Respectfully submitted,

C. McGEE, Chairman.

[APPENDIX C]

Your Committee appointed to report upon the instruction
of the colored population, beg leave now to report the result
of their deliberations.

We are willing to acknowledge the importance and the
magnitude of the subject, as well as the duty, and responsibility
of christians to attend to this department of religious in-
struction. Much has been said, and much has been written
upon the subject, and yet all confess that the common mode of
religious instruction among the colored population, is very
superficial, and is very inefficient. Your committee have no-
thing new to present upon this absorbing question; but only
reiterate what has often been recommended: viz. FAMI-
LY AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. These two schools, and these

two systems have been devised, and kept in constant operation, by the Father of our spirits ever since the creation of man. God instructed Adam and Eve in his own person. Since the fall, he has communicated instruction through Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, and Ministers. Family instruction has been the most universal of all. Whilst the Jewish people were required, only once a year, in the male population, three times a year, at Jerusalem, for public instruction; they were required to teach their children—"when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou standest up,"—which shows that family instruction was to be attended to, as a daily business.

Under the Gospel dispensation, also, public instruction is only commanded every Lord's day, whilst family instruction is commanded and inculcated, as an every day duty. "Praying always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." "Pray without ceasing." Timothy, from the instruction of his grand-mother and his mother, had known the holy scriptures from a child; and was thus prepared to receive the faith of the Gospel, under the preaching of Paul. The Saviour compares the christian profession to a "lighted candle," which giveth light, unto all in the house. So, as the "candle," is daily needed, must our religious instruction, be daily given. The lighting of the candle, every night, should be our daily preacher, to teach us our daily duties in religion. Such is the importance given to family instruction at the present day, for bringing up our children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord," that families are considered, the nurseries of the church; and the fulfilling of Solomon's opinion, that, as the "twig is bent the tree will grow." Mothers are considered the first preachers of the Gospel, because they make the first religious impressions upon the youthful mind. Your committee would therefore, first recommend, family instruction for our colored population. Difficulties meet us at the threshold, of this recommendation, but difficulties should not deter us, from doing the best we can. Difficulties meet us in almost every step of our christian journey, yet we must not stop for them; neither should we be deterred from the family instruction of servants, by the formidable difficulties which

is our way. And your committee would here recommend, and suggest, that as our mothers and sisters fill such an important niche in the christian family circle, that they should become fellow-workers with us in this great work, as they render much service under the Law, as well as the Gospel. This they may do by reading the scriptures to them upon all favorable occasions, and explaining to them, as they read, in their own peculiar style of domestic and affectionate sympathies, for which heaven has so wonderfully endowed them. Instructions also, from them, would generally be better received by servants, than from men.

Your committee would also recommend, as often as families can make it convenient, to invite ministers to preach and instruct them at night meetings, and especially, when ministering brethren are visiting us, that we collect our servants together to hear the truths of the Gospel explained.

Public instruction is the second great system devised in infinite wisdom, for the conversion of the world. This system stands out in most prominence on the first page of the Holy Book of the new covenant. "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by preaching." This system of public instruction is peculiarly adapted to the wants, and the condition of the poor, the unlearned, and those occupying the position of our colored population. It is a system too, through which instruction can more readily reach our senses, than any other; under its influence, we do not stop to calculate, like a thoughtful mathematician, nor arrange evidences like a cool philosopher, but the truths of God take us captive, and we are borne off in the conqueror's arms, with joyful hearts and as willing subjects of his kingdom. Public instruction is peculiarly adapted to the condition of servants; they have only, one day, as their own; but they use with more diligence, than any other population; and, almost always save, in the joy they express in hearing and receiving the truths of the Gospel. Learned persons put off the reception of truth, until they can go home, and investigate, and weigh, and count the cost; but while this process is being carried through, the cares of life and the deceitfulness of the world come in and stifle his good designs, and like Felix, he puts off to a more convenient season. But the poor

knows his weakness, and with full knowledge of his limitations, he does not put off for a more convenient season. He knows that this is the only time that the present will be the last, and therefore receives the truth, blazes his way, and saving it to him, and falls into his Savior's arms, with holy abandonment.

"Here Lord I give myself away,

"Tis all that I can do."

Your committee would submit one thought upon the mode of giving public religious instruction, or preaching the Gospel. Our colored population lose much, and many opportunities are lost to them, by the Gospel being preached in a style altogether unsuited to their capacities. Our Savior rejoices that the Gospel was preached to the poor, and gave it as one of the strongest reasons of the worth of his Messiahship. Ignorance is a consequent appendage to poverty. We would therefore recommend great simplicity and plainness in the preaching of the Gospel.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. WELCH, Chairman.

[APPENDIX D.]

The Com. on Documents report, that they have examined such documents as come before them and find in them nothing deserving special attention, except that in the matter of difficulty between Blue Eye and Shiloh churches, as shown from the letter of Blue Eye church, and from other proof submitted, your Com. think that Blue Eye, in her steps preparatory to a reconciliation, acted scripturally and constitutionally, and as Shiloh has refused privileges of communion to members in good standing and full fellowship in sister churches, we therefore recommend the withdrawal of Union from Shiloh.

Your Com. also, urgently recommend members of our churches, and especially heads of families, to take and read a religious newspaper, and we commend

APPENDIX

The following are the receipts for the year ending 1894.

Received of Domestic Missions	
From the Church	\$48.00.
" Wm. Jenkins	\$50.00.
" Treasurer	\$5.00.
Collection from congregation	76.00—\$202.99.
For Minutes	\$44.25.
From Treasurer	\$9.10—\$53.35.
For Associational purposes	\$35.00.
From Treasurer	\$0.—\$38.35.

Total receipts. \$204.69.

All of which is in the hands of the Treasurer.

W. M. KIDD, Chairman.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

James Headen,	Walker Reynolds,
William Curry,	Oliver Welch,
H. E. Tallaferra,	S. G. Jenkins,
Rufus M. Mynatt,	W. W. Mattison,
J. L. M. Curry,	J. M. Crook.
George Hill.	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

James Headen,	W. W. Mattison,
Charles McGee,	Rufus M. Mynatt,
G. B. Cross.	

DISTRIBUTING AGENTS.

First District.	Turner Ogletree.
Second " "	Rufus M. Mynatt.
Third " "	W. M. Kidd and D. Wallis.
Fourth " "	H. B. Johnston.

CLERK.

J. L. M. Curry.

Talladega, Ala.

DELEGATES

DELEGATES IN SENATE

FIRST DISTRICT—Representing—

Coal Water—J. WILLIAMS, W. W. Williams, J. Williams
 Graham Springs—J. B. KILPATRICK, J. Baker, J. N. Taylor
 Morris Fork—R. PARKER, M. H. Miller, J. M. O'Neil
 Antioch—J. G. JENNINGS, A. Manning, H. Mansboro
 Rockwell—M. JENNINGS, W. H. Miller, J. Walker
 Blue Eye—Wm. McLEAN, A. T. Smith, C. P. Norris
 Salem—T. Oglethorpe, A. Harris, E. Smith
 Refuge—H. B. AUSTIN, W. H. Miller, J. J. Britt
 White—No Representation
 New Hope—H. E. DALL, C. Miller, G. Davis
 Refuge—Wm. N. Braden, W. H. Miller, E. Braden
 Trout Creek—No Representation

SECOND DISTRICT—Representing—W. J. O'NEAL, C. McGEE, J. L. M. Curry

Good Hope—H. B. TAYLOR, Wm. Headen, R. M. Mynatt
 Clear Creek—A. FALCON, E. Miller, Wm. Nelson
 Tallapoosa—O. WALSH, C. Miller, W. H. Miller
 Tallapoosa—Z. BOYD, E. Miller, J. D. HANCOCK
 Kynsige—E. Keith, H. Miller, Wm. Boyd
 Third Dist.—H. ZION, J. C. Miller, A. O'NEAL, H. S. Darby
 Ft. Williams—D. WALLIS, M. Wm. L. Waters
 Pine Spring—J. P. RANDOLPH, D. Wallis, K. Q. Baird
 Big Spring—J. M. SCOTT, W. H. Miller, W. E. FINEY
 Spring Creek—W. W. HALL, W. T. Williams, H. W. Miller

MacDonald—J. M. RANDOLPH, H. FINEY, J. M. Miller

St. Francis—JAN. TAYLOR, J. G. Miller, E. Miller

Cocoa Valley—J. A. COLLINS, T. Kilgus, J. Miller

FOURTH DIST.—MR. AUSTIN—JAS. FORRESTER, L. E. Gibson, J. Talbot

Liberty—John Haynes, J. B. Walburn, Wm. Holden

Crooked Creek—D. BILLINGSLEY, E. B. BAKER, W. H. Miller

Concord—H. B. Johnston, Wm. H. Miller, E. Miller

Union—A. WALTON, E. FINEY, E. Miller

Hatchet Creek—Not Represented



